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VIA FAX:

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**RE: Master Metals, Inc. Superfund Site Response to Correspondence of
October 23, 1996**

Dear Mr. Vezner:

We have received your correspondence of October 23, 1996. As discussed during our telephone conversation of October 21, 1996, we have spoken with Robert Casarona, whose firm has represented Mr. Doug Mickie with respect to the Master Metals, Inc. Site. Mr. Casarona has stated that he will recommend to Mr. Mickie that the latter undertake the work set forth in your letter of October 23, 1996. Along with a copy of this letter, we are forwarding your letter to Mr. Casarona.

We will work with Mr. Casarona to resolve the issue and perform the work you have requested. If his client is unable to undertake the activities, it will take a few days for us to determine who in the area has the ability to respond. Whether we can put these matters in order by November 7, 1996, we do not know. We will attempt to do so. However, we made no promises to you on our telephone call of October 21, 1996 about our ability to perform in any particular timeframe, and we were frankly quite surprised to see that you characterized our conversation as promising to "satisfy USEPA's Site security needs." We are still willing to proceed as our client deems reasonable, but please do not characterize our willingness as a *carte blanche* to "satisfy" the agency. Please note further that "we" represent a client; it is the client, not us, that EPA has designated as a potentially responsible party and that would undertake the work.

Yours very truly,

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